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The first public improvement Omaha needs is an improvement in her public officers.

The executive committee of the Western Union met yesterday, but declined to consider any compromise of the strike.

The Republican asks who Midas was. He was evidently not an editor. Everything that he touched turned to gold.

There has been a strike among the New York clock makers, but the pelisse has not yet been called upon to interfere.

A Lindley Murray's grammar and the latest Union Pacific time table furnish the educational basis for a railroad editor in Omaha.

While other municipal bodies are making excursions to various points it would be a sensible idea if the city council would hold their noses and make a trip up and down a few of Omaha's alleys with an incidental look into half a hundred back yards.

The wicked Chicago Herald remarks: Zerkel, in his prognostications for August, says: "The President of the United States will be in personal danger at the latter part of this month, and should take precautions accordingly."

The new liquor law in Ohio has not made as great a reduction in the number of saloons in Cincinnati as was expected. There are now 2,000 in that city which have taken out licenses under the new law, and of these 1,630 pay the \$200 fee for strong liquor, 362 pay the \$100 fee for beer and wine license, and eight pay fractional fees.

The civil administration of the British army costs \$165,000 a year; the civil administration of our army—a mere fraction of the size of the other—cost in the last fiscal year \$1,955,836 for civilians, and \$249,860 for enlisted men detailed for clerical work.

SENATOR EDMUNDS is known in the senate as "the great objector." Apropos of his critical spirit a good story is told of Edmunds. It is related that when the senate was urged to join a Congressional church, he requested to see the articles. After several days' deliberation he returned them, and agreed to become a member if 10 out of 27 clauses were omitted, six modified, and two new ones added.

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The public printing is a business matter purely, and should not be a question of personal favor. The money paid to newspapers for advertising does not come out of the pockets of councilmen and if they were honest and honorable they would expend it on business principles. This year we have purposely made a bid that is way below any bid that has ever been made in Omaha.

FEELING COMPETITION.

The Union Pacific railroad is beginning to feel the effects of a sharp competition for the overland through business. They have appointed a freight manager at San Francisco and propose to keep a careful watch upon the Central Pacific, to stop their diversion of freight over their southern route.

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TOWN TALK.

We are struck by the midsummer dullness, but Omaha, even in dull times, is a very lively corpse of a town. Even the real estate dealers are cheerful and property is unusually active for the summer months.

I was talking the other day to Mr. J. B. Kitchen of the Paxton House, and find that several hotel registers have been used up since summer began, an indication that a good hostelry always draws good custom and that the traveling men still find Omaha a profitable stamping ground.

"Raiding the council seems to be all the rage now," said a prominent citizen, "and schemers are putting in their best ticks while the treasury is full. Hascall is interested personally in several grading contracts, notably the one let to Morris Morrison for grading Thirteenth street."

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There is a good deal of talk about the Aughey forgeries. "The general impression," said a leading attorney, "seems to be that the professor is in a bad box, and that his explanation is decidedly thin. No one knows the mysterious Vigenham who is supposed to have had such a general acquaintance with the leading citizens of Lincoln, that he forged their names well enough to deceive the banks and even Professor Aughey."

Political aspirations in the county are materializing. The principal contest will be for Mr. Ijams' shoes. Heins,

Charley Burnmeister and Ferguson are working for the nomination on the republican side, while no one seems inclined to dispute Mr. Ijams' candidacy among the democrats. Baumer, of course, will run again if he can get there, which depends entirely upon whether a German receives the nomination for district clerk or some other place on the ticket.

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The Ijges court martial has concluded, and the colonel's sentence, as reported, is dismissal from the army. Ijges created quite a sensation in the court by requesting that Paymaster General Rochester should be subpoenaed as a witness, and by declaring that he proposed to show by his testimony that other officers in Washington had duplicated their pay accounts during the year and had had their offenses condoned in order to prevent scandal.

Mr. Dana suggests to the democrats to postpone their convention until a year from the present September, on the ground that a late convention would leave the republicans open to attack for a couple of months, with no ticket for them to return fire upon.

MEXICO is clamoring for immigration. If reports are to be believed it is likely soon to get more of a certain class than it desires. A rumor is flying the rounds of the press that 5,000 Americans are organizing a filibustering expedition to capture and annex Chihuahua to the United States and that the most prominent Mexicans in the district favor the plan.

A notice grain dealers have met in convention in Omaha and decided that the Nebraska wheat crop will fall fifty per cent below the average. A thousand farmers throughout the state know better.

GOVERNOR FOSTER has accommodated Judge Hoadly with the name of the party who told him that the judge paid \$50,000 for his nomination. It is now Mr. Hoadly's turn to squirm.

A Reasonable View. The Western Union is certainly embarrassed. It wants operators, and its strength is not as gigantic as is generally thought.

The Fetch of Regularity. With the Iowa republicans working for dear life to "save the state," and Mr. Wattersson appealing to the Kentucky democrats not to let their vote fall off in the August election, it would seem that party ties are getting loose all around. It is high time that they should grow slack.

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GARFIELD'S CHARACTER.

A Man of Uncommon Intellectual Powers, But Wanting in Moral Courage.

His Weakness in the Credit Mobilier Affair—Helen C. Barnard—A Remarkable Letter.

Chicago News.

CAPE MAY, N. J., July 21.—Dorsey's recent attack upon the memory of James A. Garfield has revived many of the stories which have been circulated about the president within the last ten years. The result has been to stir up a cloud which must obscure to a certain degree any attempt upon the part of any student to make a correct estimate of the character of Gen. Garfield.

He had many great qualities, mingled with many petty ones. He was a man of uncommon intellectual powers. But he lacked moral courage. His own conviction of right was never enough to sustain him. He never knew how to act without consulting other opinions than his own.

His fear of public opinion was so great that he never could be trusted to hold to any fixed line of policy until fully convinced. When the star-route people were being investigated by congress he promised Gen. Brady to make a speech defending them; but when the time came for the speech Gen. Garfield was called out of town.

His first great mistake occurred during the period of the credit mobilier investigation. He lost his head at the public outcry, and insisted upon a foolish denial of any ownership of the stock, in the face of the most absolute proof.

He was in reality more involved in the credit mobilier speculation than any one summoned before the committee had no trouble. His courage alone saved him. If Garfield had had the same courage he would have made a great place for himself in history.

When he was chairman of the house committee on appropriations Dorsey was

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in the senate. Dorsey was also from Ohio. He was the sworn friend of Boss Shepherd, who was calling upon congress at the time for more appropriations. Dorsey became very intimate with Garfield, and was very useful to Shepherd in getting appropriations through the committee.

He was for a long time lead about with a ring in his nose by Swain, the present judge advocate general. Swain is a man who had made money in the army by lending out money at usurious rates.

In 1871 and 1872 Garfield became infatuated with a newspaper correspondent by the name of Helen C. Barnard. She raised his noble brow and silver-tongued eloquence in her letters, and he in turn read to her his undelivered speeches for her literary approval.

It is unfortunate for Gen. Garfield's memory that he was not able to inspire more trust and confidence in his associates. John Sherman and many others believe Garfield betrayed Sherman at Chicago. After the convention it was only through great difficulty and the most elaborate promises that Garfield secured the support of the republican leaders.

The man came. Each day he called at the white house after Garfield was made president. The latter always received him very kindly, and invariably asked him to stay for lunch, but no word was said about the office. Finally the poor man's money was gone.

He threw off the arm of the president indignantly as he said: "D— your love; I want an office. But he never got it, notwithstanding the many promises."

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